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SOURCE:

1. On 11 March 1953 the North Korean Prisoner of War Camp Number 8 was in buildings formerly occupied by the People's School east of the Sungho-ri Railroad Station (N 38-69, E 125-58) (YD-5719).¹ This camp was used to accommodate ROK prisoners who were integrated into the North Korean army after October 1950 and then were returned to prisoner of war camps. Eighty prisoners, who had refused to serve in the North Korean Army, were kept in nearby caves. On 15 August 1952 and 3 November 1952 the prisoners participated in a minor uprising protesting against Communist indoctrination and severe treatment. The commander of the camp was Major KIM U-sik.
2. On 11 March 1953 the following companies, composed of ROK prisoners who were integrated into North Korean army units, were being held at the camp:
 - a. The 1 Company, composed of 650 men who were integrated into the 13 Division, III Corps and fought in the Kumhwa area until their return to the camp.
 - b. The 2 Company, composed of 500 men who were trained in the 5 Regiment, 5 Division and assigned to the 10 Regiment.
 - c. The 3 Company, composed of 500 men who were assigned to the 32 Division, V Corps and fought in the Hwach'on area.
 - d. The 4 Company, composed of 700 ROK officers who were assigned to the VIII Corps.
 - e. The Transportation Company, composed of 1,380 prisoners whose allegiance to North Korea appeared sincere. They received better treatment than the average prisoner who was integrated.

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1. ☐ Comment. For other reports on prisoner of war camps in this immediate area, see ☐ 25X1A

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